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No more important question today for those establishing homes in the Indian Territory to decide is the fruit question. Horticulture has not been a very interesting subject to many people, and now they are at a loss to know how to buy, or what to buy, or who to buy from. It is of vital importance to buy good trees, stock that is propagated to bear fruit, and not merely to sell. It is not possible to detect all the defects in worthless trees until they either bear fruit, or refuse to bear at all, then it is a costly experiment if a failure, and it takes so long to correct it. You can be morally certain of the quality of your fruit if you buy them from men who have established a reputation in the horticultural world, for he must suffer only in greater degree if you suffer if he sells you worthless trees.

The time is past when scientific horticulturists remain in obscurity. Obscure nursery men and tree dealers have imposed upon the credulity of the people, and sold them worthless stuff at exorbitant prices, until many think there are no honest nurserymen or salaried men. The well informed do not think so and are better prepared to protect themselves. It is not the fact that you have bought your trees or paid high prices for them, or what was told you by the man who sold them to you, nor how many times he promised to replace them for you if they did not prove the value of the tree, but it is the fruit they bear. Good fruit can only be grown on good trees. It is a laudable ambition expressed by every buyer of trees, that he wants the best for his own family use.

Now, if he wants the best he can get the best. How? Buy from men that you know to be reliable and competent to select such varieties as are adapted to your soil and climate and purposes. If you want a market orchard you need a different variety of fruits from what you would want for family use. If you are buying from competent parties who are honest and have reputation for fair dealings, then ask them to assist in the selection, or send your order through the salesmen to the nursery man who has grown the trees you want, and state whether you want it for family purposes or for the market.

The scientific horticulturists delights is nothing more than to have opportunity to send his own selections to buyers and protects the interest of both and advertises his stock, and makes a permanent customer.

F. T. Ramsey, the proprietor of the Austin Nursery, at Austin, Tex., and president of the State Horticultural Society, of the state of Texas, has a national reputation as a scientific horticulturist. He has taken more first premiums at the Dallas State Fairs, and other fruit fairs in Texas than any other man in the state. He has more medals, premiums and diplomas for his special and collective exhibits than any other man in the state, and has been prominent in horticultural circles all the way up the ladder to its topmost round. His nursery stock goes in car load lots to California and to Connecticut. Horticulturist recognize the value of a well propagated southern tree on account of being well grown at a year old, and later in bud and bloom when moved to the north, thereby often escaping frost. Mr. Ramsey has fruit every year on his orchard. By scientific cultivation he seems to be independent of the frost by cultivation in winter and summer. He has no borers or insects hatching in his orchards. His well cultivated grounds are cold longer in the spring than his neighbors grounds that wait to

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## TRIBAL TAX QUESTION.

According to the ruling of Attorney-General Griggs, on the question submitted to him by Secretary Hitchcock in regard to the collection of tribal taxes said to be due the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations under Sections 2147 and 2150, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the Indian Agent will no doubt proceed to make the collections. In this case, either those parties resisting the collection of the tax, or the Secretary of the Interior, will be compelled to "back down."

Should the law be enforced, and the men who have bought—and paid high prices for—residence and business lots in the towns in those nations, be forced to abandon their homes, give up their business and leave their property, will it not have the effect similar to confiscating their money invested in the Indian's lands? At the same time, it is presumed that the business men making such investments knew the law, and expected in good faith to abide the law, notwithstanding the fact that it is taxation without representation. In view of all the surroundings, it seems that a prudent course to pursue under the circumstances would be to pay the tax under protest, and make a united strong appeal to congress for relief from such a burdensome law.

There was at time when such a tax appeared to be within the bounds of reason, but since provisions have been made for investment of money in lands within the territory, it seems only reasonable that those parties should be required to pay tax only to municipal government as afforded them and their property protection. And such laws will no doubt be provided as soon as the attention of Congress is sufficiently centered upon this subject.

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